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STAND BY THE PRESIDENT.

TOMORROW is election day. Voting is a duty of citizenship not to be taken lightly, and a service to the state and country which none should neglect. It is also incumbent upon the good citizen to vote for the best interest of the nation, according to his sober judgment. This year the president has appealed to the people to return a democratic congress. Such a request is not unprecedented, nor is it partisan. For those reasons, and particularly for the latter, it deserves the consideration of voters of all parties. Similar calls for support were made by republican leaders in the days of the Civil war and the Spanish-American war, pleas based on a need for unity of control, rather than a bid for partisan advantage.

If that need was great in those earlier periods of stress, it is far greater today, when the president faces problems greater than ever before confronted an American president. Mr. Wilson has asked this endorsement at a time when approval at home will mean much abroad, and make for smoother functioning of government at home. He has asked it in a word, because it is needed. It is needed to expedite the winning of the war, and to further the program of readjustment and reconstruction which must follow the end of hostilities.

No other president ever asked so much of his country as has President Wilson. Huge armies and a mighty navy came in answer to his summons. Money in enormous sums, food and fuel and labor he has asked, and the country has given. And all of his requests were unselfish, based on the needs of the nation and suffering humanity overseas. Americans may all be proud of their country's response to these endless calls upon its resources. A patriotic and liberty-loving people, they have given out of their abundance, victory for right, and increased hope of liberty to all the subjugated peoples.

But the task so ably begun, and carried so far toward fruition, is still incomplete. The president has made another request as unselfish as those which preceded it. He asks a democratic congress, that his hands may not be tied, nor obstructive and contentious tactics handicap his efforts in the work still to be accomplished, if all the results desired are to be obtained. Those results are so large, and so nearly within reach that it seems folly to subject them to hazard at this time.

So far as national issues are concerned, and they transcend all others in this campaign, the one big question is as to whether the president is to be helped or hindered; whether that leadership which has proved so capable is to continue unhampered, and strengthened by what amounts to a vote of confidence, or whether it is to be hindered by partisan conditions at home at a time America needs to present a united front to the world.

Remember, when you go to vote tomorrow, and do not fail to go, that it is not the welfare of the president, whose high place in history is assured for all time, which is menaced by the possibility of republican victory, but the interests of this country and its allies. The victory for which all have striven, the permanent peace for which all are longing, can best be obtained by backing the president, as we have stood by him from those early days of 1917, when America entered the war. It is the way of war to unite a nation as nothing else can, and that unity cannot be safely shattered by party prejudice or partisan differences, until the war is won and relations of peace again

definitely established. It was Lincoln, we believe, who warned against swapping horses in midstream, and the warning is as pertinent and wise today as half a century ago.

THE MONEY WILL BE NEEDED.

A WEEK before the big drive for the united war work fund is none too soon for the average man to begin preparedness for that event. Those who will give their time and energy to collect the needed money are already organized and thoroughly prepared for the campaign, but their work will be made easier, and the success of the effort assured, if those whose only duty is to give will show equal forethought. Be ready to give when the call comes, to give generously for those who have offered their all, and Oklahoma county can easily subscribe its quota of \$250,000, and the state its quota of \$1,500,000.

And do not doubt that all the millions asked will be needed. No one doubts that it will be needed if the war goes on, but it may be difficult to convince the civilian that the need will be even greater if the war ends suddenly. But such is the fact, and the truth of the statement will not be questioned by anyone at all familiar with handling troops. An armistice will largely end the occupation of our troops abroad, but months must follow before peace treaties are signed, and the return movement can begin. It will take a year from the time it starts, and through those weary months of waiting temptation will have a greater chance to lure the soldiers into evil ways, and homesickness a larger opportunity to wreck their morale. Discipline will be more difficult to maintain, and a reasonable degree of contentment in the ranks a hard problem for all concerned.

Accordingly there will be the greater demand for the entertainment, the moral guidance, the little comforts which make life worth while, and all the kindly ministrations these united organizations offer. And America for her own interest, and the interest of those of her best who went across must keep that best good. To do so we must give and give generously. It is a debt which cannot be denied, an obligation on every person those soldiers have protected with their lives. Unless we are a land of ingrates, the money will be raised as surely as the money is needed. Therefore, be prepared to give and give again.

It will also pain Colonel Roosevelt to learn that there is harmony in the allied war council.

It is gratifying to anticipate what those sixteen inch naval guns emplaced on the banks of the Rhine will do to Germany's great munition plants in the border cities.

It is a safe bet that the gas company's campaign urging people to provide themselves with coal will not prevent Mr. Common People from panning the gas company when the shortage comes.

Anyhow, J. J. McGraw didn't predict that Turkey would win the war, or that Colonel Roosevelt would congratulate the president. There are a number of other hum guesses he might have made.

Politics makes strange bedfellows, as a smart paragrapher remarked when congress passed the suffrage amendment, but it is quite likely that Damon Roosevelt and Pithias Taft marks the spot where they buried the hatchet.

With the epidemic abating, influenza convalescents should remember that the after effects are sometimes worse than the attack of the disease itself. The malady leaves the patient in a weakened condition, and he should be careful to take it easy, get plenty of rest and fresh air, and an abundance of nourishing food. Those are the tonics needed, and not the nostrums which are advertised as tonics, but are more apt to be injurious stimulants. The old man's advice to Jim when he went to war applies well to these cases: "Take keer of yourself."

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



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Don't Worry

A Bit Related.
And Joshua, who held the sun
By militant command,
The while he made the foe man run
To lose the combat band.
Had nothing on our statesmen sage,
Who worked the classic law,
And spread upon the Record's page
A daylight saving law.
Constructive legislation like
Our able Solons spun
Perhaps caused not the sun to strike
As there at Aialon.
But anyhow it saved daylight
For many months and days,
For those engaged in work or fight
And sundry other joys.
Besides this modern method can
And does work both ways well,
In which it beats the ancient plan
Which stopped the sun a spell.
For having like the busy bee,
Improved our shining globe,
We set the Big Ben back and see
Again the good old time.
And, on the quiet, that is what
We like about the scheme.
An hour more, as like as not,
In which to amuse and dream:
And that is why we warble now
This somewhat timely lay.
Nor melancholy seems our brow,
And all is blithe and gay.
But that, of course, is only part
Of merit thus revealed.
Of statesmen which we deem so smart
Of which these lines are speared.
For saving is so very hard,
When everything is dear.
Even saving daylight helps a heap,
And makes him shout and cheer.
The foregoing, as you might have surmised, was in our system a week ago.

but, being a casualty, our wing was in no shape to twang the blooming lyre, and constant readers of this column also enjoyed a much needed vacation.

The skipper, seeing us back on deck, suggested that a convalescent column conductor should be qualified to give expert testimony or adequate description of this influenza thing. A little later, when time has softened the memory, we may attempt it, but what we think of it just now can hardly be couched in diplomatic language, or tempered to suit a household publication. Besides, a hymn of hate seems out of place in this Popocatepetl of plesantry. Like other clouds, however, it has its s. l., which in this instance, is getting over it.

Which recalls McAvoy, company cook in an infantry organization we once knew well. A veteran of many campaigns and more guard houses, Mc seemed a confirmed soldier; sort of had the habit, as many old timers of the regulars had. His explanation of why he always re-enlisted was that it was such a grand and glorious feeling to be discharged when his "hitch" was ended.

As a prophet, this J. J. McGraw, who forecasts a republican victory in Oklahoma, is undoubtedly a staunch republican.

Small boys and their sisters are bearing up bravely under the ordeal of having the schools closed, although

their mothers are beginning to deplore the stagnation of educational activities. But the real vicissitudes of this closed season are reserved for the movie fans. Along with Ben King, they wait that there is no place to go but out, and their anguish is enough to make strong men weep.

Some relief is in sight, however, for those interned by quarantine regulations. Tomorrow is election day, and awaiting the returns affords an excuse for staying out late when nothing else offers.

Remember.
Remember, when you go to vote, That rounding up the colonel's goat Will also show the universe. The crown prince had and Kaiser worse. That people of the U. S. A. Approve the presidential way Of making war on autocrats. And kicking tyrants in the shins.

Confidence is important in many matters, but it takes votes to win an election.

Perfect health is the ideal condition, but something can be said for that stage of convalescence, where one is able to come downtown, but not quite well enough to resume work.

Nature is so kindly the donkey doesn't realize its asininity.

Voting is a duty as well as a privilege. Don't neglect it.

Old Stories in New Type

Twenty Years Ago.
John Novy, a native of Bohemia, was granted naturalization papers yesterday in district court.

Mrs. Fred Sutton taught school yesterday in place of Mrs. Mary Couch.

Seymour Price has returned from Quincy, Ill.

The Rough Riders of the city have each received a very handsome bronze badge, the gift of Uncle Sam. The badge states that it was given for bravery at the battle of LaQuasinas.

Fifteen Years Ago.
Oklahoma City now has an opportunity to secure a large cotton mill that will be operated by an experienced cotton mill man and give employment to 900 operators, bring \$250,000 of eastern capital to the city and directly add about 2,500 to the present population of the city.

COLON, Columbia, Nov. 4.—Without the firing of a shot, and amid scenes of great enthusiasm, the independence of the isthmus and the department of Panama was declared here today. The City of Panama is now in the hands of revolutionists and no serious attempt to capture it has been made.

Ten Years Ago.
The greater Oklahoma City spirit prevailed yesterday when all three bond issues for erecting a new high school and two hospitals were carried with large majorities. Conditions in the high school had reached a deplorable state. Built to accommodate 375 pupils, no less than 800 students are cared for at present, necessitating converting the damp basement and stuffy attic into class rooms. The building will be located at Seventh street and Robinson avenue and will occupy a lot 20x300 feet.

Miss Retta Wells of Madisonville, Ky., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Welsh the past two weeks, returned home yesterday.

The Answer.
When your billet is a barnyard and your bed is crawling hay. When it's raining and you're out of luck and (likely) out of pay. When the only girl you want to see is a million miles away—
What's the answer, Kid?
The answer is the old Y. M. C. A.

If it wasn't for the friendly Huts they run up over night, Where a guy can find some smokes and make a place to read or write, Or maybe see a picture show or watch a ten-round fight, Why, Kid, we'd all go dippy before we end it right!

But don't you lose no sleep about our finking any scrap! For your wise old Uncle Sammy knows the way to treat a chap. When he's half-the-world from Home-land, is to dot the mucky map With snappy Red Triangles where the U. S. A.'s on tap.

They treat you like you'd ought to be, they treat you like a man; They don't make no distinctions, and they don't put any ban. On a guy who's never signed his name to no Salvation Plan—
You're good enough for them if you're a good American.

But believe me, Kid, there's times—well, take my case the other day. When a whiz-bang kind of shook me up and made me wonder—say, When you have to talk to someone, and you don't know how to pray—
What's the answer, Kid?
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MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF HAS HANDLED "TANKS" BUT NOT THE KIND THEY HAVE AT THE FRONT.

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SAY, POP!—OLD TIMER SHOWED THE RESULTS

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